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## **MANUFACTURERS URGE DOI TO UNLEASH ENERGY, METALS, AND MINERALS ON FEDERAL LANDS AND WATERS**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Today, IECA sent a [letter](#) to Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and urged the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) to unleash energy, metals, and mineral supply from federal lands and waters. Geopolitical events clearly demonstrate that domestic production is critically important for both economic and national security to the U.S. and our allies and it is a sound anti-inflation policy.

Paul Cicio, President and CEO of IECA stated:

Metals and minerals are used as raw materials in the manufacturing of critically important products for the economy and national defense industries. Where possible, we must increase access to domestic resources so that we are not import dependent from countries like China and Russia.

A forward-looking U.S. DOI policy must continue to include opportunities to explore and develop on and offshore resource leasing in the lower 48 and Alaska. The Gulf of Mexico is the mainstay of U.S. oil and natural gas production. Increased domestic production of these resources could put hundreds of thousands of Americans to work, make us more energy secure, and increase needed revenue for the government. But none of these benefits will appear unless the federal government supports pro-development energy policies.

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*The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.1 trillion in annual sales, over 11,700 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.8 million employees worldwide. It is an organization created to promote the interests of manufacturing companies through advocacy and collaboration for which the availability, use and cost of energy, power or feedstock play a significant role in their ability to compete in domestic and world markets. IECA membership represents a diverse set of industries including: chemicals, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, building products, automotive, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement.*